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## INTIMATIONS.

THEATRE  ROYAL  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
WEDNESDAY, August 21st, 1878.  
GRAND OPENING NIGHT  
OF  
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY.  
IN  
OFFENBACH'S Comio Military Opera.  
THE  
GRAND DUCHES  
OF GEROLSTEIN.  
WITH FULL CAST.  
The Manager begs to announce that  
THE  
ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND OPERA  
BOUFFE COMPANY.

HAVE ARRIVED,  
 and will give their  
**FIRST PERFORMANCE**  
 IN THE  
**CITY HALL THEATRE,**  
 ON  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
 August 21st, 1878.  
 See future Announcements.  
 S. DE LILL  
 Hongkong, 19th August, 1878.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEE  
**THE Steamship**  
 "YESSO,"  
 Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for  
 above Ports TO-DAY, the 19th inst, at N  
 instead of as previously advertised.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 17th August, 1878.

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**NOTICE**  
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

**PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS**  
**THE Company's Steamship**  
 "IBRAUADY,"  
 Commandant Gervain, will be despatched for  
 SHANGHAI  
 TO-DAY, the 19th instant, at 4 P.M.  
 H. DU POUET,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 19th August, 1878.

**POE SHANGHAI.**  
**THE German Steamship**  
 "GALATEA."  
 Böhm, Master, will be despatched as  
 TO-DAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
 WM. PUSTAU & CO.  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 19th August, 1878.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY**  
 FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL  
 Calling at Zeylan.  
**THE Company's Steamship**  
 "TEUCER,"

Captain Power, will be despatched 10-11  
on the 14th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents**  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1878.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship  
**"NESTOR."**  
Captain T. W. Freeman, will be despatched  
on about the 27th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents**  
Hongkong, 19th August, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**ANY CLAIMS** against the Steamship  
"CHONG KONG" and Steamship  
"GIAMBOAN" must be sent in to the  
Agents before NOON TO-DAY, the 19th inst.  
or they will not be recognised.

**WELCHERS & CO.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 17th August, 1878.

**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**

**GERMAN STEAMER "GALATHEA,"**  
BOHRN Master, from HAMBURG

PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

**CONSIGNEES' of Cargo by the**  
Steamer **"INDUS"** hereby informed that  
Goods are being landed and stored at their  
in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from which  
delivery may be obtained.

Consignees may take delivery of  
Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf  
at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 23rd inst  
will be subject to Bank.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary is given before  
11 o'clock a.m. on the 15th inst.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
Wm. PETERAU & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1871.

**"STRAIGHT" "MACQUADDY"**

**COMPAGNIE DES INDOCHINOIS**  
**MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE**

**CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamer**  
"INDUS" from London, in connection with  
the Steamer, are hereby informed that their  
are being landed and stored at their risk

Company's Godown, whence delivery is  
 obtained immediately after landing.  
 Optional Cargo will be forwarded on  
 information is received from the Consignee  
 TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 11  
 requesting it to be landed here.  
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
 Underlying.  
 Goods remaining unclaimed after SAT-  
 UDAY, the 24th inst., at Noon, will be  
 to rent and landing charges.  
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
 H. DU FOUEY.  
 Hongkong, 17th August, 1878.  
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
 MARITIMES.  
 NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
 CONSIGNEES of the following Car-  
 go requested to send in their Bills of  
 to the undersigned for countersignature  
 take immediate delivery. This Cargo has  
 landed and stored in the Godown of the  
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
 H. DU FOUEY.  
 67, MARK LANE.  
 TH. 1644, Mr. L. Thowlin, 1 case Ink  
 Marcellin.

15  
 B, No. 419/21, Order, 15 cases Wine from  
 nullis.  
 Hongkong, 29th July, 1878.



## NOTICE.

**A. S. WATSON AND CO.**  
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY  
CHEMISTS.  
By Appointment to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
PREPARERS,  
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,  
"DRUGGISTS" SUNDRIES,  
And  
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

**SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REPAIRED.**  
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

**NOTICE.**—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON AND CO., HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

**NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
Communications on editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG, August 19th, 1878.

The practice lately adopted at the Police Court of imposing fines of ten cents for certain offences is not calculated to prevent their repetition. Nor can it be pretended that the imposition of such a fine is any adequate punishment for the offences with which the defendants in such cases have been charged. Thus, for instance, on Saturday nine men convicted of fighting and creating a disturbance in the street were fined this paltry sum. They might almost as well have been discharged with a caution, for all they would care for the penalty inflicted. Yet it is of great importance that these street fights should be put down. It was only the other day that a man was killed in a similar affray, and there is always great danger of serious consequences arising out of them. For the Chinese are ferocious when heated, and brandish their bamboo regardless of consequences on such occasions. Moreover one row of the kind almost invariably leads to another, which develops into a regular clan fight, the result of which is not infrequently a fatal one. We trust there will be no more ridiculous fines of ten cents inflicted on prisoners brought up for breaking the peace in the streets of this Colony.

The Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Daily News narrates an instance of corruption in Chinese officials which it is to be feared is a representative case. A Mr. Burn, who had volunteered aid in the work of distributing relief in the famine districts of the North, and went to the Ho Chin prefecture some four weeks back, has returned, and says he found that those who were appointed to assist him, of a whom a Mr. Sui and Mr. Sui, the former ranking as a district magistrate, were principal parties, "were compelling the poor people to return one-fifth of the cash given them. Investigation established this beyond a doubt, also that a number of persons had been severely beaten to compel the return of the money and to enforce silence on their part." Mr. Burn very properly refused to have any more to do with these officials and returned to Tientsin to inform the British Consul there of the facts, which have doubtless since been communicated to the Viceroy. Unfortunately for the reputation of Chinese subordinates officials, this is not the first case of the kind exposed during the famine. One would have thought that the poor starving people of Shaanung and Chihli, who only obtain just enough from the relief supplies to sustain life, would have been safe even from the cupidity of Chinese officials, but the fact that they were not shows to what an extent "squeezing" is carried on in the Middle Kingdom. No poverty is so abject, but when a Chinese official can manage to extract some mite from the miserable one; no distress, however keen, can soften their avaricious natures. It is satisfactory to think that these cruel and unfeeling wretches, who have no bowels of compassion for the woe of their fellow creatures, will be exposed and punished. His Excellency LI HUNG-CHANG will certainly show no leniency to those who had no mercy on their hapless victims, and they will probably feel the weight of the bamboo as well as suffer degradation. As we have often before pointed out, however, the system of administration is mainly responsible for the abuses and the corruption prevailing amongst the officials. The vast majority of them are insufficiently remunerated, and some scarcely receive more than their rice. They are therefore easily tempted to avail themselves of the numerous opportunities offering to squeeze the wretched people. So long as the present scale of remuneration exists, and every meaner maintains a crowd of idle and dirty hangers-on, with the sole object of swelling his retinue on special occasions, so long will the corruption and squeezing flourish unchecked.

The Shanghai Observer learns that Messrs. Tong King-sing and Chiu Yee-ho have had conferred upon them the distinction of a red ribbon as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered by them as managers of the Chinese Steam Navigation Company. These two gentlemen, just named, and the proof of Imperial favour which they have just received is a deserved recognition of their labours and devotion. We are sure that the numerous friends of the company will be delighted at their elevation to a higher rank.

Amongst the arrivals by the German steamer *Gauleit*, were the Royal English Officer, Hon. Captain, and his wife, Miss Clara Stanley, a well known London prima donna, accompanied by Messrs. Barba and Agnes Dawson, Mr. Vernon (better known in the colony as Miss Florence Vernon), Messrs. S. S. Vernon, Hollings, Why, Hagmann, and a number of assistants. The company will give their first performance on Wednesday evening at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, when the opera of the "Cenci" will be played on the stage with full cast. The company has, we understand, prior to its visit to Singapore, made a successful tour through the Australian colonies.

**NOTICE.**—The British bark *C. J.* is loading at Sydney for Hongkong.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 3.35 and of the American mail at 3.50 on Saturday afternoon. The latter mail was landed at 4.35.

The *Elis Loring*, from Philadelphia for Yokohama, put into Cape Town on the 18th May with two of sails, 60, and 100.

The Pacific mail steamer *City of Peking* reports having spoken on the 15th instant the bark *Paradise*, twenty-one days from Shanghai bound South-west.

The British steamer *Bentley* reports having passed a large American ship laden with opium, on the 12th of the Nine King, which hoisted signal "Wanted low boat."

The Criminal Sessions open this morning. The first case is a murder case, one of the cases on the calendar.

The *Belgic* propeller was found defective on examination at San Francisco and was to be fitted with a new one.

We understand that Lieut. Standers, R.A., is to be appointed Adjutant of the Volunteer Artillery Corps. The Rifle Corps is evidently much pleased at the prospect.

The American ships *Horse*, Captain Wadley; *William*, Captain Mullen; *St. George*, Captain Williams; *St. George*, Captain Gates; and *St. George*, Captain Gilkey, were loading at New York on the 30th ult. for Yokohama.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 75.0, the minimum 68.0, at the Harbour Observatory Office, Peking, the maximum was 90.0 and the minimum 75.0.

The *Japan Gazette* says that the American steamer *Albatross* was wrecked on the 10th instant, and the passengers and cargo of the Belgian steamer *Perseus* during the time required to complete the repairs to the latter vessel at Yokohama.

The French gunboat *Surprise* left yesterday morning for Europe. When she was at the American wharf *Harbour* the crew of that vessel, who were on duty, gave her a parting cheer, which was returned by the Frenchmen.

The *Australasian Shipping News* of the 6th ultimo says:—The Australian Steam Navigation Company, Sydney, as agents for the *Gunga*, give notice that consignees will be required to sign a general average bond and to pay a deposit ten per cent on invoice value.

Captain Maynard, of the German bark *Olwen*, who was wrecked on the 10th instant, reports that he has rescued the American ship *Rocke* from the wreck, and has taken her to the Cape of Good Hope.

On the passage to San Francisco last trip from Hongkong the Pacific mail steamer broke down, and the crew, who were on duty, gave her a parting cheer, which was returned by the Frenchmen.

The German ship *Niagara*, Captain Wolsch, and the American three-masted schooner *Marion*, Captain Hovey, arrived at New York from the Cape of Good Hope on the 7th instant, and the latter the following day. The *Niagara* left this port on the 20th March and the *Marion* on the 1st February.

On Saturday morning a sampan went along the wharf at the Harbour Master's Office, with some Indians and luggage. Some dozen coolies immediately jumped into the sampan in order to obtain the lot of carrying the luggage. The sampan at once turned round upon precipitating coolies, Indians, and sampan people into the water.

In our advertising columns will be found a notice to mariners notifying the existence of a dangerous rocky patch in the fairway into Mire Bay, and another notifying that a small vessel has been captured and will be sent to the shore on the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's bark *Aden*, now moored outside the Tientsin.

We take the following items from the *London and China Express* of the 12th ult.:—

Captain Cleveland takes command of the *Iron Duke* for the voyage to China, and returns to England in command of the present flagship, the *Adriatic*.

The steamer *Elizaveta*, 300 tons net register, has been purchased for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. by the Chinese Government.

His Excellency Kuo Sung-tai, accompanied by his staff, left for his Excellency's residence at the 3rd July, and was received at the railway station by Mr. Krupp. He visited the celebrated gun-factory, and stayed over the night, leaving for his residence at the 7th July.

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